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REMARKS

The specification has been amended to cross reference related applications. No new matter has been added.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-20 were allowed in U.S. Patent No. 6,251,478. Reissue application, Serial No. 09/996,636, was filed for this patent on November 29, 2001. Claims 21-62 were added in that reissue application, i.e., "the parent application."

The Examiner imposed a Restriction Requirement in the parent application as follows: Group I: Claims 1-34 and Group II: Claims 35-62. Group I was elected in the parent. This divisional application has been filed to prosecute Group II. Accordingly, Claims 1-34 have been canceled as being directed to non-elected subject matter. Claims 35-62 are pending in the present case.

Support for Claims 35-62 are throughout the specification of U.S. Patent No. 6,251,478, including, for example, col. 3, line 31, to col. 5, line 24. No new matter has been added.

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Applicants respectfully submit that the application, including Claims 35-62 is in all respects complete and in condition for examination and favorable consideration, which action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any questions concerning any aspect of this application, it is requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number provided below.

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